



# HAMILTON

## Essex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Hamilton is located in the eastern central portion of Essex County, in Eastern Massachusetts. Many of the approximately 7000 residents of the town commute to Boston, 24 miles away, while others are employed in area communities. Currently the town has no manufacturing industry and no industrially-zoned land. Hamilton's identity as a predominantly suburban bedroom community is assured.

Hamilton has special appeal as a residential community. Its North Shore location provides easy access to the Atlantic seashore with its preserves, beaches and boating. The town's surroundings typify rural New England and include many handsome historic houses. Large areas of open and agricultural land encompassing the Audubon preserve, Bradley Palmer State Park, Myopia Hunt Club and several large estates and farms create a pastoral environment. The visitor to the town is quite likely to share the back roads with horseback riders. The town also has Chebacco Lake within its boundaries, which provides for additional recreation activities.

Situated on a beautiful hill in the town is the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and nearby is Gordon College. Hamilton shares an excellent regional school system with the Town of Wenham and its educational resources are an attraction for the town.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Ipswich on the north, Essex on the east, Manchester on the southeast, Wenham on the south, and Topsfield on the west. Hamilton is about 15 miles south of Newburyport, 21 miles southeast of Lawrence, 24 miles north of Boston, and 245 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 14.94 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 14.60 sq. miles

**Population:** 7,280

**Density:** 499 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Marblehead North, Ipswich, Georgetown, Salem

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 468-5570

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1793

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	4,373		
Democrats	625	14.3	%
Republicans	1,089	24.9	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,659	60.8	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Hamilton town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	8,315	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	8,315	100.0
Male.....	4,090	49.2	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	82	1.0
Female.....	4,225	50.8	Mexican.....	6	0.1
Under 5 years.....	571	6.9	Puerto Rican.....	10	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	693	8.3	Cuban.....	12	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	676	8.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	54	0.6
15 to 19 years.....	475	5.7	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	8,233	99.0
20 to 24 years.....	352	4.2	White alone.....	7,784	93.6
25 to 34 years.....	1,189	14.3	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,581	19.0	Total population.....	8,315	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,264	15.2	In households.....	7,654	92.1
55 to 59 years.....	370	4.4	Householder.....	2,668	32.1
60 to 64 years.....	277	3.3	Spouse.....	1,896	22.8
65 to 74 years.....	503	6.0	Child.....	2,673	32.1
75 to 84 years.....	285	3.4	Own child under 18 years.....	2,182	26.2
85 years and over.....	79	1.0	Other relatives.....	197	2.4
Median age (years).....	36.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	69	0.8
18 years and over.....	6,035	72.6	Nonrelatives.....	220	2.6
Male.....	2,941	35.4	Unmarried partner.....	73	0.9
Female.....	3,094	37.2	In group quarters.....	661	7.9
21 years and over.....	5,870	70.6	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	1,014	12.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	661	7.9
65 years and over.....	867	10.4	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	391	4.7	Total households.....	2,668	100.0
Female.....	476	5.7	Family households (families).....	2,143	80.3
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,124	42.1
One race.....	8,271	99.5	Married-couple family.....	1,896	71.1
White.....	7,832	94.2	With own children under 18 years.....	997	37.4
Black or African American.....	39	0.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	195	7.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	14	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	105	3.9
Asian.....	354	4.3	Nonfamily households.....	525	19.7
Asian Indian.....	16	0.2	Householder living alone.....	420	15.7
Chinese.....	118	1.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	188	7.0
Filipino.....	8	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,171	43.9
Japanese.....	24	0.3	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	603	22.6
Korean.....	152	1.8	Average household size.....	2.87	(X)
Vietnamese.....	23	0.3	Average family size.....	3.22	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	13	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	2,825	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	2	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,668	94.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	2	-	Vacant housing units.....	157	5.6
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	108	3.8
Some other race.....	28	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	44	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.4	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	2,668	100.0
White.....	7,872	94.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,187	82.0
Black or African American.....	48	0.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	481	18.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	23	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.95	(X)
Asian.....	380	4.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.48	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	0.1			
Some other race.....	32	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	63
Conventional Federal:	0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Hamilton is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 1A, which runs N-S to the Massachusetts border, and State Route 22. State Route 128, the inner belt around Boston, passes just south of town in Manchester.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available on the Ipswich line from Hamilton and North Beverly, and on the Rockport line from Manchester. Travel time from Hamilton/Wenham Station: 46-48 min.; free parking lot.

### Bus

Hamilton is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

### Other

The Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility in neighboring Beverly, has 3 asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

[At A Glance Report - Massachusetts Department of Revenue - Division of Local Services](#)

[FY99 Estimated Receipts](#)



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